

## Midwife Credential Comparison

### Clinical and Educational Requirements

	<b>Certified Professional Midwife CPM</b>	<b>Certified Nurse Midwife CNM</b>	<b>Naturopathic Physician with Natural Childbirth Certificate (Oregon)</b>
Births attended *	55	20	50
Out-of-hospital births	10	No requirement	No more than 10 can be planned hospital births
Prenatal exams	100	85	150
Newborn exams	40	20	No requirement
Postpartum exams	50	35	100
Clinical hours	1350 hours of clinical training under supervision	No specific requirement for the credential. Programs are frequently 600-1000 hours	No specific requirement
Clinical skills and knowledge	NARM Job Analysis Core Competencies for Midwifery Practice	ACNM Core Competencies for Basic Midwifery Education	Not specifically defined
Degree requirement	No degree requirement. Competency-based certification. Many programs grant bachelor's or master's degrees.	Graduate degree	Graduate degree 200 hours of coursework specific to obstetrics
Education Program Accrediting Organization	Midwifery Education and Accreditation Council (MEAC)	Accreditation Commission for Midwifery Education (ACME)	Council on Naturopathic Medical Education
Certification exam	NARM exam	AMCB exam	OBNM Natural Childbirth exam
Recertification and continuing education requirements	30 hours every 3 years	20 hours and 3 AMCB Certificate Maintenance Modules <u>or</u> retake certification exam every 5 years	15 hours every year

\* For reference, the birth requirement for family practice physicians is 40.

- 1) North American Registry of Midwives  
<http://narm.org/certification/how-to-become-a-cpm/>
- 2) American Midwifery Certification Board  
<https://www.amcbmidwife.org/amcb-certification/candidate-handbook>
- 3) Oregon Board of Naturopathic Medicine  
<https://www.oregon.gov/obnm/pages/natural-child-birth.aspx>